

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, August 13, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review meeting was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Spence. Absent were Board members Mr. Brendel and Mr. Sandbeck. Also present were Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the consent agenda minus **ARB #82-02** which was removed for further discussion.

ARB #79-02 Jim Griffith Builder, Inc./919 Capitol Landing Road – New Office Buildings (2) – Approved.

ARB #81-02 Grosse/200 Indian Springs Court – New building (detached garage) – Approved.

ARB #83-02 McClellan/1605 Richmond Road – Exterior Change (remove cupola, reroof building with black architectural grade shingles and paint exterior wood siding gray) – Approved.

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SIGN #32-02 CWF/Quilts Unlimited/110-E South Henry Street – Awning with signage – Approved.

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SIGN #33-02 CWF/J. Fenton Gallery/110-B South Henry Street – Awning with signage – Approved

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Brendel & Mr. Sandbeck.

Abstain: Mr. Freiling & Mr. Spence on ARB Sign # 32-02 & ARB Sign # 33-02.

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #74-02 Reese/100 Richmond Hill Court – New single-family dwelling

Robert Magoon, Magoon & Associates presented his proposal for the single-family dwelling in Richmond Hill Subdivision. Mr. Magoon stated that he was familiar with City's Architectural Review Guidelines and that the Richmond Hill Subdivision is a development that captures Federal Style Architecture such as the houses on Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. He reviewed the list of materials and design features for the house and quoted sections on Federal Style Homes from A Field Guide to American Houses. He noted that extensive research was done for the design of the house and that he understood from staff that the application was removed from the consent agenda at the last meeting because of the elliptical windows on the front and rear elevation. He stated that the elliptical windows were a part of the design style for Federal Style houses and presented a book The Elements of Style with several photos of elliptical windows on Federal Style houses for the Board to review. Mr. Freiling noted in neither of the two publications precedence of scale and placement of windows in Federal Style Homes was demonstrated.

A lengthy discussion followed between the Board and Mr. Magoon on the size of the elliptical windows, their location on the dwelling and the glass pattern. It was noted that the elliptical window on the rear broke the cornice, which was not typical of elliptical windows. It was also noted that elliptical windows were typically located in a gable on Federal Style houses.

Mr. Magoon noted that the elliptical window was integral to the interior and exterior design of the dwelling and that the front door was designed to be the main focus of the front elevation. The Board asked Mr. Magoon if thinner mullions were available for the elliptical windows? Mr. Magoon referred the question to Mr. Jack Kniest, builder, who noted he was not sure, but he thought that the window manufacturer made the same window with thinner mullions.

Mr. Spence motioned to approve ARB #74-02 conditioned upon the thinnest mullions possible being used for the elliptical windows.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Spence.
Nay: Mr. Freiling.
Absent: Mr. Brendel & Mr. Sandbeck.
Abstain: None.

ARB #80-02 CWF/John Saunders House/426 Ireland Street – Exterior Change (remove rear addition & concrete stoop across front of the house)

Scott Spence presented the request to remove a small shed addition and concrete stoop across the front of the dwelling noting the following:

- The brick portion of the dwelling (front) dates to the 18th Century.
- The large addition on the rear dates back to 1933.
- The small shed addition was constructed between 1945-1948 and was formerly the furnace room and washing machine room.
- Proposes to remove the small shed addition because of its condition and failing roof structure.
- The original door and window between the 1933 and the 1945-48 shed addition were intact.
- The concrete slab across the front is causing a moisture problem in the 18th Century foundation.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve ARB# 80-02 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Walker.
Nay: None.
Absent: Mr. Brendel & Mr. Sandbeck.
Abstain: Mr. Freiling.

**ARB #82-02 Edwards & Lyon/800 South Henry Street – New building
(Storage shed)**

Mr. Williams explained that he had removed the shed from the consent agenda because there is a provision in the ***Design Review Guidelines*** that requires outbuildings to be the same color as the primary structure. Mr. Williams noted that an existing storage shed was white and the new proposed shed would be white, but the house is gray. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Edwards and Mr. Lyon if they would paint both sheds gray to match the house. Mr. Edwards noted that they proposed to paint the shed white because they planned to remove the gray vinyl siding and paint the house white in the future.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve ARB #82-02 as submitted in recognition of the owners' intention to paint the house white thereby complying with the ***Design Review Guidelines***.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Spence.
Nay: None.
Absent: Mr. Brendel & Mr. Sandbeck.
Abstain: None.

ARB #84-02 Smith/206 Virginia Avenue – New building (storage sheds) & Exterior Change (replace windows in dwelling)

Robert Smith presented his proposal including revised drawings of the front and side elevations of the proposed larger shed. He noted the following:

- The larger shed was once a swimming pool that had been filled in with concrete.
- The materials proposed include vertical wood siding, new asphalt shingled roof and existing windows from the former shed.
- To remove two large aluminum windows from the rear dwelling for replacement with two wooden windows from the existing storage shed.
- The large aluminum windows would be used in the rear elevation of the larger shed.
- Proposes to paint the sheds dark (barn) red with white trim.

A lengthy discussion followed with Mr. Smith on the proposed materials for the sheds and their color. It was noted that the ***Design Review Guidelines*** require the sheds to match the main dwelling. It was the consensus of the Board that horizontal wood siding would be required and that the sheds be painted white to match the primary structure to meet the ***Design Review Guideline's*** for outbuildings.

Mr. Mark Campbell, 505 Randolph Street, spoke in favor of the request stating that he did not object to Mr. Smith's proposal.

Mr. Walker motioned to approve ARB# 84-02 conditioned upon the following:

- Horizontal siding being used in place of vertical siding for the sheds.
- The sheds being painted white to match the house.
- The applicant has the option to paint the trim on the sheds dark green.

ARB #85-02 Geiger/121 Chandler Court – Exterior Change (replace windows)

David Bragg, Doc's Home Improvement, presented his request for replacement sashes for windows at 121 Chandler Court. Mr. Bragg presented a sample of the proposed Caradco sashes (stimulated true divide light window) for the Board's review. He noted that this window is the same window the Board approved on the Quarles home at 116 Chandler Court last year. The Board reviewed the proposed sash replacements and agreed that the replacements were acceptable. The Board noted that the divider between the panes of glass was gray to meet the ***Design Review Guidelines***.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve ARB# 85-02 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Spence.
Nay: None.
Absent: Mr. Brendel & Mr. Sandbeck.
Abstain: None.

SIGNS

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SIGN #34-02 Christmas Present/1875 Richmond Road – Reface existing monument sign and building face sign

Cabell Wallace, owner, presented the Board a revised application based on staff comments that meets the ***Design Review Guidelines*** for the proposed building and monument sign face replacements. He noted that the revised design has a dark green background with white lettering. A discussion followed concerning the existing signs and the applicant was informed that the existing signs could not be reinstalled because they did not meet the ***Design Review Guidelines***. Mr. Wallace stated that he would return to the Board for any future signs and that he understood that the existing signs do not meet the ***Design Review Guidelines***.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the revised proposal for ARB Sign #34-02.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Spence.
Nay: None.
Absent: Mr. Brendel & Mr. Sandbeck.
Abstain: None.

Minutes of July 23, 2002 meeting.

The minutes were approved as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer